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and others to remit their money due to our paper.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1864.

THE telegraph stated positively in two or three despatches that Gen. Sherman was back at Vicksburg. Through his doubling the importance of the statement, we can only come to the conclusion that it might be true. Then the telegraph said that Sherman was not at Vicksburg but at Jackson. Now it tells us that he is not at Jackson, and brings a rumor by the way of New Orleans that he was defeated on the 18th near Meridian with a loss of 15,000 men, and that his army was totally broken up. We will lay any reasonable wager with the telegraph that it can't tell the truth, and it may take its choice of subjects.

As for the rumor of Sherman's great defeat on the 18th, it is of course, General Polk has been all the while in Sherman's vicinity, and the Richmond Examiner of the 20th, thirteenth after the 18th, spoke of a dispatch direct from Polk to the rebel War Department, mentioning Sherman's movements but making no allusion whatever to any battle. But now we don't know where Sherman is, or whether he is safe or not, our anxiety on his account is of course revived. May all the guardian angels of our country protect him amid the thousand dangers that have been gathering around him like a thunder-cloud.

Shortly after the opening of the current session of Congress, Mr. Holman, a Democratic Representative from Indiana, introduced the following resolutions in the House:

*Resolved*, That the doctrine recently announced, that the States in which an armed insurrection has broken out against the Federal Government have ceased to be by the Union, and shall be held, on the ultimate decision of that insurrection, as Territories or separate and distinct nations, and by the absolute will of Congress and the Federal Executive, or restored to the Union on conditions unknown to the Constitution of the United States, to be rebuked and condemned as manifestly repugnant to the original intent of those States, tending to prolong the war, and to confirm the treasonable theory of secession, and, it carries into effect, more greatly than any other measure, the constitutional powers and rights of all the States, by centralizing and consolidating the power of the government, State and nation, in the hands of the Executive.

*Resolved*, That the only object of the war ought to be to subjugate the armed insurrection which, for the time being, suspends the operation of the Constitution of the Federal Government, and to re-establish the supremacy of that Constitution over all the States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Co-operation, and to preserve the Union, with the voluntary act of the people, by any necessary, save unconditional submission to the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The resolution was adopted by Congress, and the Senate voted unanimously for it.

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*Resolved*, That we hold it to be the duty of Congress to make the following resolution:

For this resolution the conservatives of the House voted unanimously.

Finally, Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, introduced one day later the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the present war which this government is carrying on against armed insurrection, and is banded together under the name of "Southern Confederacy," is to be removed from the records of the government, and to be known to the world as the rebellion of the Southern Confederacy.

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The Clerk then read the second clause, as follows:

And that to prevent the recurrence of such rebellion, and the cause which led to this one must be permanently removed.

*Resolved*, That, in this struggle which is going on, to the entire destruction of men and money, and the duty of the people to render every aid in their power to the constituted authorities of the government in the execution of the laws, the leaders thereof to condign punishment.

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One hundred and ninety-nine conservatives voted for the resolution, and the same number voted against it.

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Such is the position of the conservatives in congress. And such is the position of the conservatives out of Congress. It is identical with the position of the Union Democracy of Kentucky. The Northern Democ-

cracy as a body have adopted the platform of the Union Democracy of Kentucky. The conservatives of the whole country stand upon the Kentucky Platform. Yet in the face of this irreconcileable fact the radicals here and there are across the Northern Democracy as a body of being opposed to the war and of peace on the basis of a dissolution of the Union? What is the secret of this notorious and foully slanderous accusation?

On recurring to the executive resolutions of Mr. Holman, it will be seen that, while the final resolution declares in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war, the two preceding resolutions, reaffirming the doctrine of Garrison Bramlette's inaugural address, declare that the war should be lawfully demanded of the revolting States except submission to the constitution and laws as they are. The resolutions declare at once that the war should be prosecuted vigorously and should be prosecuted for constitutional purposes. The radicals agree the first part of the declaration but object to the last; nay, in their estimation the last neutralizes the first, insomuch that the whole declaration is tantamount to disloyalty. In a word, they hold anything short of revolutionary abolitionism to be nothing short of treason. This is the secret of the venomous and baseless accusation in question, an accusation which is based indiscriminately at every conservative in the country.

We now learn from very high authority that Gen. Sherman's return to Vicksburg was part of the plan from the beginning, and that his ability to do the march that he has accomplished was in no respect contingent upon a junction of Smith and Grierson's cavalry forces with his infantry column. The movements were all planned with reference to the great road upon the rebel lines of communication, and the immense supplies accumulated on the lines of the Mobile and Ohio railroad. If Sherman could not return safely, as we may believe he may, we will have done the whole of the great work that he set out to do.

The Democrat gives the quota of several thousand men to Sherman's army, and assigns 144 to Owen. The county must have done prodigiously well since Adjutant-General Boyle made his last report to Governor Bramlette. At that time, Owen, with 1,786 enrolled militia, had contributed only 82 volunteers to the Federal service, which was smaller ratio than any other county in the State except Calloway, Hickman, and McCreary. We have not heard of any active volunteers in Owen which could have placed him in the lead of Jefferson, Oldham, and Henry. The report of General Boyle's division shows that Jefferson had out of her 12,952 enrolled militia, had contributed 5,523 volunteers, Henry had given out 1,785, and Oldham 240 out of 534, which is about one-half of their population subject to draft. Of the aggregate number of 5,873 three-years volunteers sent from the four counties of our district, Owen had given but 47. There certainly must be some mistake in the information of the Democrat, or there has been a new and spirited infusion of loyalty in that quarter.

It is now March; the winter is uniformly fine; the ground is hard and commanding, and, according to present appearance, everything will soon be in readiness for the spring campaign. The preparations on the side of the rebels for that campaign are upon a tremendous scale. While we have been talking for months about the drafting of a certain proportion of our able-bodied citizens to prepare to carry out the policy at a future time, the rebel authorities have been, as now to consider, the whole of their population capable of bearing arms.

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State Constitution, and yet on a weak and wounding Governor over them, and placed in command of the army, unable to speak their voice, it incurred their State's entire contempt, and sought to conquer and carry them away from a Union they revered to one they despised, is ravaged, by bands of marauders (mobs) who, in the course of their robbery and private property, destroyed their public records, burnt their towns and houses, carried away their money, and imposed upon them, where many still loyally, murdered many of them, sometimes in their own houses, and sometimes in their families, and sometimes by cruel and inhumane deaths, causing these atrocities even to women and children, than any atrocity in the history of the world. These efforts have continued and increased with the increasing aversion of the people of Kentucky toward all the wicked designs, and the acts of the rebels.

Mr. Wilkinson replied to Mr. Pomeroy's

statement of Mr. Davis, to the effect,

that he was ready and anxious to fight any

war to which he might be called.

Gen. Grant, the author of the original

order, authorizing the Secretary of the

Treasury to issue the sum of \$100,000

to the sum of gold coin held, came up in the

special order. Gen. Sherman's position was

as follows:

"Mr. Halleck's opinion is, and I wish

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